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Construction Begins on Eagle Bridge Project

Ruidoso, New Mexico - June 8, 2011 - Three years after floodwaters washed away many of the village bridges, construction has begun on re-building the Eagle Drive Bridge. The project, which will cost the Village of Ruidoso an estimated \$1 million, is expected to be complete within 70 days with the actual bridge being assembled in one day.

FNF Construction, a local contractor, was issued a Notice to Proceed this week after a long list of requirements were met in conjunction with the Army Corp of Engineers, FEMA and the state of New Mexico.

"Major projects like this take a lot of planning time because of the coordination required between all of the agencies involved, including in this instance the Army Corp of Engineers, FEMA and the state of New Mexico," said Village Manager, Debi Lee. "We are thrilled that the project has begun and look forward to having this main artery to our midtown area back to 100%."

During the course of the construction, which will take place Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, the Village will be installing a temporary walking bridge directly behind the Ruidoso River Resort that will cross the river and allow people to access Eagle Drive. In addition, detour signs will clearly mark the driving route that will take people from Eagle Drive to Rio Street to Country Club and North Street allowing people to easily access businesses on the North side of Eagle Drive including West Winds Lodge, Sanctuary on the River and Ruidoso River Resort.

"We had a lot of discussion about the timing of this project, but in the end it was determined that now is the best time to do it because the river bed has to be dry. By coordinating the project with the current low river flow, we are able to recognize significant savings on the project," said Lee.

Larry Clayton from FNF Construction will head the project and will work closely with Lee and Justin King, the Village's project manager.

For more information on the project, please contact the Village of Ruidoso at 575-258-4343.

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